REMARKS

Claims 2 and 7-10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1 and 3-6 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

REJECTIONS UNDER DOUBLE PATENTING:

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 2 in view of claim 4 of U.S. Patent Application No 10/681,131 on the grounds of obviousness type double patenting. The rejection is respectfully traversed, and reconsideration is requested.

As a point of clarification, claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. As such, the rejection in view of U.S. Patent Application No 10/681,131 is moot.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner analyzes, for purpose of obviousness type double patenting, U.S. Patent Application No 11/302,168. It is assumed, therefore, that the rejection was intended as in view of U.S. Patent Application No 11/302,168. However, since claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection in view of U.S. Patent Application No 11/302,168 is similarly moot.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

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